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Technology Center 2600

Serial No. 09/462,437 : Group Art Unit - 2653

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: Examiner - Kimlien T. Le

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER RULE 114

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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated June 1, 2004, applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

A check in the amount of \$230.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of 1 independent claim in excess of 3 and 8 claims in excess of 20 total. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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